

Introduced by Senator Yee

February 1, 2010

An act to add Section 2887 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to telecommunications.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 920, as introduced, Yee. Alphabetical telephone directories: distribution.

Under existing law, the Public Utilities Commission has regulatory authority over public utilities, including telephone corporations. Existing law provides that, unless certain determinations are made by the commission about the impact of federal action, the commission has no jurisdiction or control over classified telephone directories (commonly known as yellow pages) or commercial advertising included as part of a telephone corporation's alphabetical telephone directories (commonly known as white pages). Existing law requires the commission to require all telephone corporations that are local exchange carriers to include in their telephone directory information concerning emergency situations that may affect the telephone network.

This bill would prohibit a telephone corporation from distributing an alphabetical telephone directory to a subscriber unless that subscriber affirmatively elects to receive the directory.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 2887 is added to the Public Utilities Code,
2 to read:

1 2887. A telephone corporation shall not distribute an
2 alphabetical telephone directory to a subscriber unless that
3 subscriber affirmatively elects to receive the directory.

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